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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 31-May-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 05/31/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/24/03
BRO-FRY	146,972	163,640
LT HENS	2,031	1,770
HVY HENS	1,328	1,514

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 24-May-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	58	0	58
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	211	0	211
SAME WEEK YR AGO	140	3	143
TO-DATE/2003	5,475	68	5,543
TO-DATE/2002	6,697	31	6,728

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,682	1,463	3,145
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,704	1,313	3,017
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,949	1,425	3,374
TO-DATE/2003	40,794	27,904	68,698
TO-DATE/2002	45,393	27,689	73,082

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 24-May-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	159,049	1,624	1,463	3,087
AVG WT	5.01	3.45	8.26	5.73
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	155,533	1,493	1,313	2,806
SAME WK YR AGO	159,868	1,809	1,422	3,231
AVG WT	5.07	3.44	7.87	5.39
TO-DATE/2003	3,167,857	35,319	27,836	63,155
TO-DATE/2002	3,237,478	38,696	27,658	66,354

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161 million head or 2.6 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING May 17,03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	30,155	22,403	52,665
Avg Weight	3.78	4.81	6.06
% of total /1	29%	21%	50%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	25,759	32,656	48,513
Avg Weight	3.79	4.82	6.09
% of total /1	24%	31%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,863	33,008	46,888
Avg Weight	3.75	4.71	6.11
% of total /1	24%	31%	44%
To date/2003	491,613	462,399	878,103
To date/2002	601,261	489,409	950,692

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 24-May-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,024	2,784	39	12	4,859
AVG WT	15.89	36.69	25.41	27.41	27.91
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,120	2,863	97	10	5,090
SAME WK YR AGO	1,842	2,788	44	4	4,678
AVG WT	16.08	35.89	24.92	27.07	27.98
TO-DATE/2003	37,268	56,707	1,280	310	95,565
TO-DATE/2002	37,830	55,328	908	152	94,218

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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